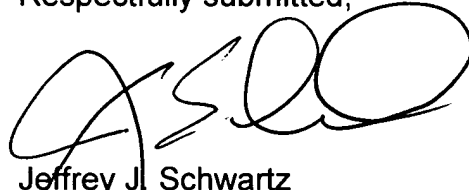


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of present restriction requirement, Applicant elects *without traverse* to pursue patentability of Claims 1-51, 67-71, 73 and 74, drawn to an applicator for paint, classified in class 401, subclass 219—this election being made without prejudice to the filing of one or more continuation applications with claims drawn to the non-elected group.

Applicant submits that all of the claims in the case are in condition for allowance. Such action is therefore respectfully requested at an early date. If the Examiner believes that issues remain for discussion, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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